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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Annual Review of Foreign Intelligence Plans and Programs

1. Problem:

Joint Study Group Recommendation No. 32, as approved by the President, requires that the United States Intelligence Board (USIB), utilizing the Coordination Staff of the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI), annually review the future plans and programs of the intelligence community. There are two associated actions currently required in this regard:

a. USIB action should be officially completed on the review of FY 1964 Foreign Intelligence Plans and Programs prepared by the Coordination Staff.

b. Your approval is needed to initiate the review of FY 1965 Plans and Programs.

2. Facts Bearing on the Problem:

a. Joint Study Group Recommendation No. 32 calls for a review of each Board member's plans and programs "for consistency and proper allocation of effort at the beginning of each annual budget cycle," and further states that USIB views "should serve as a basis for guidance and coordination to the intelligence community."

b. An "Analysis of Foreign Intelligence Plans and Programs for FY 1964" prepared by the Coordination Staff was submitted to USIB for consideration on 22 October 1962 (USIB-D-53.2/1).

c. At your request each USIB member was asked, through a memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 21 November 1962, to submit to you his views on actions recommended in the Coordination Staff's report in lieu of consideration at a Board meeting at that time. (USIB-D-53.2/2)

d. The views of Board members, in response to c., were submitted to you in a memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 26 January 1963, along with a proposal for initiating action on the FY 1965 Plans and Programs report.

e. The Coordination Staff's report on FY 1964 programs noted that a review of FY 1965 programs could be based substantially on basic program information already submitted for FY 1964 through reporting of additions, deletions and changes from FY 1964.

1. Discussion:

a. It is clear from the language of Joint Study Group Recommendation No. 32 that its basic intent is that the annual review of plans and programs should be for the benefit of the intelligence community itself. All Board members have received and reviewed the FY 1964 report in their agencies and submitted their views to you. Additionally, since that time, departmental level actions have been taken on the FY 1964 budgets. Therefore, the actions already taken concerning the review of FY 1964 programs substantially serve the intent of the Recommendation.

b. The review of FY 1964 programs is the only single document available to the intelligence community which provides information on the major programs of each member of the community. The resultant exchange of program information, conducted annually, can itself be a valuable tool for coordination within the community.

c. Experience and data gained in the FY 1964 review provide a basis for conducting an improved review for FY 1965 with a considerably lessened reporting burden on the USIB member agencies. Such a review would be conducted as follows:

(1) USIB agencies would submit their FY 1965 programs mainly by furnishing changes, additions, and deletions to their FY 1964 programs. This would avoid duplicating basic program information already submitted in FY 1964. All submissions would be in condensed form similar to the Coordination Staff summaries of the FY 1964 submissions in Attachment No. 2 of USIB-D-5 1.2/1.

(2) Agencies would, however, be requested to submit supplemental information for FY 1965 as to dollars and/or manpower which would indicate the order of magnitude of the principal programs and changes therein. This would be consistent with your request that USIB papers contain such cost data.

(3) The Coordination Staff would report the results of its FY 1965 review as follows:

(a) A consolidation of programs in summary form as was done for FY 1964 and a factual brief of the major highlights and changes in community programs to be disseminated to the DCI and all USIB member agencies on a limited distribution basis.

(b) As a separate action, the Staff would examine, in consultation with the interested agencies in each case, any problem identified from the program submissions and submit recommendations thereon only to the DCI and the USIB member concerned for their consideration.

4. Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

a. You approve the conclusion as stated in paragraph 3.a. that actions already taken concerning the review of FY 1964 Plans and Programs have substantially served the intent of Joint Study Group Recommendation No. 32.

b. You approve the initiation of an improved review of FY 1965 Plans and Programs in accordance with the provisions outlined in paragraph 3.c.

c. You authorize the Executive Secretary of the USIB to report to the other Board members your approval of the provisions of a. and b. above.

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The recommendations in paragraph 4 above are approved:

Director of Central Intelligence

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